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## GERMANS HELD ALONG ARDENNES CANAL: FANTASTIC ARTILLERY BARRAGE CREATES 'NO MAN'S LAND HELL'

Londoners Believe Setback in France Temporary

### BRITAIN PREPARED FOR HITLER'S PET SCHEME OF CHANNEL INVASION

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 18 (UP).—The threat of a foreign invasion for the first time since 1066 was driven home to Britons as sandbagged machine-gun posts were erected in London streets to-night and troops with full war equipment were on guard at the nation's nerve centres.

The road and river approaches to London are being patrolled and barricaded with barbed wire entanglements while hundreds of patrol cars are roving about London to check blackout violations and fifth column signalling.

### Latest Developments In Italian Situation

BUCHAREST, May 17 (Dome).—The Italian Legation in Bucharest to-day advised all Italians in Rumania to leave the country immediately.

According to reliable sources, the Hungarian Cabinet has decided to speed up the mobilization in the coming two days, says "United Press."

A message from Bangkok says the Thai Government has telegraphed to the boy King, who is at present in Switzerland, urging him to proceed to America or return to Thailand to continue his education. The choice is left to the King.

"Reuter" reports from Malta that, although determined and fully prepared for all eventualities, the people there remain calm.

Immediate Mediterranean developments are not expected in Malta. The Italian nation is prepared to much to the front once orders are given by Benito Mussolini, who is firmly determined always to choose such a way as to bring a bright future to the country, stated the President of the Italian Senate at the conclusion of its plenary session.

#### Tension Slackened?

ROME, May 18 (Reuter).—The news that the steamer Rex which has just passed Gibraltar for Naples without being submitted to the contraband control was regarded by some members of the public who heard of it as a sign of slackening of tension in Italy-British relations.

The news, however, was not published in the newspapers. They do however print a despatch from Genoa declaring that the liner Roma was stopped for 30 hours at Gibraltar. Tons of oil were confiscated, says the report, while British officers ripped open suitcases and even the linings in clothing worn by the crew.

The despatch does not mention that the control examination of the Roma occurred on May 6. Signor Gayda's article to-night deals with Italy's vital interest in the Balkans and says "Italian interest in Balkan affairs are not improvisation but represent part of the life security and constructive desire which has always existed in the history of the Italian peninsula."

#### Aggressor Condemned

MONTEVIDEO, May 18 (UP).—It is announced that all of the 21 American republics have agreed with Uruguay's proposal for a joint protest against the German invasion of Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

#### Text Of Protest

PANAMA, May 18 (Reuter).—The protest, being made by the 21 American republics against Germany's invasion of the Low Countries states: "In accordance with the principles of international law, the American states consider the inviolable and cruel violation by Germany of the neutrality and sovereignty of Belgium."

### Princess Royal's Operation

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The Princess Royal has undergone a slight operation, it is reported to be proceeding favourably.

### ORDEAL TO COME, BRITONS WARNED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, May 17 (Dome).—The future of Europe depends on what may happen during the next several days, and although there is nothing to be alarmed at now yet the people must prepare for forthcoming ordeals, British official circles declared to-day.

The British Government fully admits the gravity of the situation. Military experts point out that the break in the French defence line was caused by the combined onslaught of massive German air units and over 4,000 tanks.

Stain Determination  
LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—While Londoners and the British people generally are following the war news with stern determination, their daily life continues undisturbed.

The theatres and cinemas are crowded and the road and rail traffic is normal. But for the newspaper, the posters, the uniforms in the streets and the balloons overhead, the city maintains an untroubled appearance.

On Saturday evening the newspapers gave the usual prominence to sports items which were interspersed with news from France and Belgium.

While expressing concern over the German "bulge" into the Allied lines, the ordinary Britons are sustained by conviction that the present setback is only temporary. Moreover, they are heartened by the splendid performances of the Royal Air Force.

### Ludendorff's Drive

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, May 18 (UP).—The Germans are obviously aiming to sever the Allied communications. One German motorised column is reported to be moving to the north-west from Metz along the French side of the frontier, using the greatest daring, regardless of orthodox rules of warfare, by penetrating far into hostile defended territory.

Although Hitler so far has not sent large masses of infantry behind the tanks, the thrust of the latter is so savage that the situation now is described as the most serious since Ludendorff's offensive in March, 1918.

#### Grim Londoners

Londoners going to work this morning look grim. Trams, buses, subways and trains are packed with people.

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### KAISER SAID SAME THING

BERLIN, May 17 (Dome).—Only two days will be required for the capture of Paris, if operations are started against the French capital, German military authorities stated with much confidence this evening.

This belief is based, stated the German authorities upon the fact that the Germans are this time under no such necessity as to draft troops from the Western to the Eastern Front, as they were at the time of the Great War. Moreover, they are equipped with new arms and are of high morale.

### GERMAN AIR RAID ON PARIS

Fighting General On Both Sides

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 18 (UP).—German bombing planes struck in the Paris area to-day.

Two flights of 16 German bombers, five of which were shot down by pursuit planes and anti-aircraft batteries, caused the air raid alarm to be sounded in Paris.

### British Air Activity

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
LONDON, May 18 (UP).—It is officially reported that nine British Hurricane planes shot down 10 German Junkers-87 planes in an air battle over France.

Another section of three Hurricanes attacked 20 German bombers over Belgium and shot down one and damaged another.

A British Spitfire fought a German Junkers-88 off the Dutch coast. The dogfight began at 14,000 feet and ended at 30 feet when the Spitfire pilot finally saw the Junkers crash into a breakwater.

### Raids On Nazi Cities

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced that among the objectives attacked by the Royal Air Force yesterday were a large number of depots, including storage tanks at Hamburg and Bremen.

The enemy forces derive their supplies of oil fuel from these tanks. Several depots were destroyed and others were heavily damaged.

Storing tanks at Berlin were also successfully attacked yesterday.

The official German News Agency reported that 29 civilians were killed and 51 were wounded in the air-raid on Hamburg.

### The Nazi Version

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, May 18 (UP).—The High Command states that enemy planes attacked the north German coast especially Hamburg and Bremen, and also west German towns yesterday.

"With the exception of one, but tank, no military objectives were exclusively and completely attacked," the report adds.

Another communique claims that 109 British and French planes were destroyed on Friday, of which 33 were shot down in air battles, 11 were brought down by anti-aircraft guns, and the remainder destroyed.

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### NAZIS HAVE LOST 1,500 PLANES: U.S. RECKONING

NEW YORK, May 18 (Reuter).—According to the "New York Post," very high quarters in Washington have received by telephone uncensored information from equally high quarters in Paris as follows:

"The French have actually captured 1,500 German planes. The captured planes are stored in a safe place and are being repaired."

"A total of 1,500 German planes have been destroyed."

"So much of German strength is now, he will be stopped for ever."

### HITLER STAKES 2,000,000 MEN AND ENTIRE TANK ARMY IN GREAT GAMBLE

By RALPH HEINZEN

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE FRENCH FORCES, MAY 19 (UP).—HITLER'S BLITZ-KRIEG DRIVE HAS BEEN COMPLETELY CHECKED ALONG THE ARDENNES CANAL, WHICH JOINS THE AISNE AND MEUSE RIVERS BETWEEN RETHEL AND SEDAN.

This is the bright news that became evident after the bitter fighting that has taken place in the battle of the tanks behind the French fortification system during the past twenty-four hours.

### SOLID WALL OF SHELLS

French reinforcements have built a solid wall of artillery in this sector in order to prevent the Maginot Line, which runs southwards from Sedan, from being turned.

The Germans have battered themselves helplessly against this wall of shells, a constant barrage of which has turned the new No Man's Land into a living hell through which no living or mechanised thing can pass.

The main German effort appears to be to centre the "pocket" towards Avesnes.

It appears to-night to have failed.

In a series of local counter-attacks during the past 24 hours the French have not only succeeded in checking the German advance but have regained strategically important pieces of terrain.

This success has been achieved despite the fact that the major French counter-attack has not yet been launched, because troop movements are still in progress.

### 50 Mechanised Divisions

Simultaneously, there has been an appreciable lessening in the intensity of the German drive along the entire front.

In a new effort to force the issue before the great Allied counter-attack can be launched, the German General Staff has now thrown almost the entire German mobile force into an effort to effect a new break through between Maubeuge and Reims.

In this drive the Germans are using 50 divisions of mechanised units supported by ten divisions of large tanks—about 4,000 land battleships.

### 2,000,000 Troops

The strength of the entire German force now battering against France—excluding the forces held in reserve to protect the Siegfried Line further south—is estimated by official French quarters at 101 divisions, compared with a total of 80 divisions used along the entire French front in the 1914 attack.

Thus, Germany is using over 2,000,000 men in the attack on Belgium and France, compared with 1,500,000 men in an attack on a much wider front 25 years ago.

Hitler has thus thrown more than half of the entire German military strength into the attack.

### Staking His Future

He is staking Germany's fate on a single battle—a battle on which, as General Gamelin warned last night in his Order of the Day, rests the destiny of not only Germany but of France and the entire civilised world.

Elsewhere along the front from Escourt to Sedan, strategic movements continue back and forth in an effort to straighten the lines and, if possible, to shorten them along the strongest possible strategic positions.

The shortening of the lines that have already been consolidated in a new battle, but the enemy's retirement from Holland and northern Belgium has already given the Allies

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### HALF WAY TO PARIS, GERMAN CLAIM

Summarisation Of Earlier Reports

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SINCE PUBLICATION of yesterday's Extra Edition of the "Telegraph" messages through "United Press" have come mostly in the form of flashes.

They may be summarised as follows:

The Germans claimed at 8 p.m. yesterday that they had reached a point half way between the Belgian frontier and Paris.

Heavy tank divisions which have blasted their way far into the rear of the front lines have, says an official German communique, reached within a few miles of the River Somme.

The report adds that the tank divisions are now within 80 miles of the French capital.

Military spokesmen in London stated at 4 p.m. that the situation was still very serious, but no worse and even a little better than was the case on the previous day.

### Attack Slackened

The German attack along the front lines appears to have slackened, but it is warned that this may be only temporary.

Exhaustion of the German units participating in the battle is very evident.

More than half the total number of Germany's tanks have been thrown into the battle south of the Somme, but the Germans have made only slight progress.

### Nazis Thrown Back

An official communique issued in Paris at 5.30 p.m. claimed that the French had succeeded in throwing back the Germans in a bitter battle behind Reims.

The communique adds: "French positions improved overnight."

The Germans are attacking in two directions, firstly, northwards from Avesnes and secondly southwards in the direction of Vermin.

The French forces have already made progress in their counter-operations in the Avesnes region."

### German Versions

The following reports from Berlin should, of course, be treated with reserve:

"German forces have entered Lagny. German forces have smashed two enemy divisions south of Maubeuge."

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### 4 ALLIED ARMIES IN CRISIS BATTLE

By CLIFFORD DAY  
("UNITED PRESS" STAFF CORRESPONDENT)

PARIS, May 18 (UP).—Four Allied armies are fighting with their backs to the ports of the English Channel on the ninth day of the lightning attack on the Lowlands, with Paris only 90 miles away and Calais, Dunkirk and Boulogne even closer to the advancing Germans.

The battle has reached its crisis stage.

Brussels has fallen, the Germans appear to be in Antwerp and the Dutch have been forced to abandon the key islands of Beveland and Walcheren.

German tanks have ripped the Allied lines as their dive bombers blasted at the troops from above.

French troops have been ordered to die where they stand if they are unable to advance.

Every man in every Allied army knows that the future of his country may depend on his individual efforts in the next few hours.

On the northern front the Allies hold their new line behind Brussels. On the southern front the French are holding a line north of Reims.

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### LATEST

### 84 Hour Week For Plane Builders

PARIS, May 18 (UP).—French Ministers of Air and Labour have agreed that working day in air production industry should be extended to twelve hours. Workers are also to be asked to work Saturdays and Sundays, making total 84 hours a week.

### Duchess Becomes "God-Mother"

PARIS, May 18 (UP).—Duchess of Windsor has agreed to become the "god-mother" of a French Regiment defending the frontier city of Strasbourg.

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GESTAPO MOVES INTO NETHERLANDS:  
DUTCH UNDER HEEL OF CONQUERORFLUSHING STILL  
RESISTS NAZIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
AMSTERDAM, May 18 (UP).—According to Radio-Amsterdam, the German Commander-in-Chief in Holland has issued a Proclamation declaring the criminal law of Germany is instituted in all occupied districts.

The people in the districts are forbidden to listen to non-German broadcast.

Persons who possess firearms will be sentenced to death. It has also been decreed that one gulder is equal to one and half Reich marks.

Flushing Holds Out  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, May 18 (UP).—A High Command communiqué states that all resistance in the Netherlands have been subdued except in the island of Flushing.

Two thousand Dutch and French troops are said to have been captured on the islands of Schouwen and South Beveland.

The outer ring of the Antwerp fortress is said to have been pierced through at two points.

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ground. Twenty-six German planes are missing.

"Reuters" Report  
LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—"Reuters" special correspondent with the R.A.F. telegraphs that the R.A.F. are holding on with determination to their advanced bases in France.

They are holding on despite the severe battering which the advanced striking force operating from these bases received in the first week of the "blitzkrieg" as the result of the enemy's numerical superiority.

The considerable damage which the force has suffered from German dive-bombing attacks—equal in ferocity to that which broke the Polish air forces completely in as many days—has not broken its spirit or means of retaliation.

While the bombing of enemy troops and other objectives continues, British fighters are stated to be successfully countering to a large extent, they waves of enemy aircraft at the head of the German tank columns south of the River Sambre.

Details of to-day's operations are not yet available, but one patrol of six Hurricanes engaged 40 Messerschmitts and shot down six.

To-night it was claimed that a handful of British pilots have brought down 50 more enemy aircraft of different types.

No Retaliation  
LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that despite the German air force's wanton repeated attacks on undefended towns in Poland, Norway, France, Holland and Belgium, the British Government steadfastly adheres to the policy of refraining from bombing non-military objectives.

Statements that the R.A.F. have deliberately bombed civilian or non-military objectives are completely untrue and are obviously designed to prepare the way for an extension to Britain of the inhuman methods the Germans used in other countries.

King's Message  
LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—His Majesty the King has sent a message to the R.A.F. The message states: "During my visit to the Headquarters of the Bomber Command to-day, I was able to hear more of the epic deeds of the bomber force in recent weeks."

"Coupled with the arduous and unceasing duties of the Coastal Command and the heroic exploits of the Fighter Squadron in this country and in France, they make an immortal story—a story which the whole Empire, whose sons are now fighting in all three branches, with gratitude and admiration."

"I congratulate the R.A.F. with all my heart and I wish them good luck and continued success."

Not Catastrophic  
The situation is still said to be serious but not catastrophic.

The Germans are launching very strong attacks in the Vervins area, but have made no impression on the Allied lines.

Strong German attacks have been repulsed in the Montmedy sector, where the real Maginot Line begins.

A British G.H.Q. communiqué issued by Lord Gort to-night says: "Successful operations were carried out by the B.E.F. yesterday."

"Several enemy aircraft were shot down by A.A. fire and small arms' fire, in addition to the successes obtained by the R.A.F."

"The morale among the British troops is the highest."

Fighting On The Oise  
PARIS, May 18 (Reuters).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that the fighting has continued all day with the same violence, chiefly in the region of Guise, which is on the River Oise and east of St. Quentin and Landreies, which is north of Guise.

Despite considerable losses the enemy is attacking in that area in a westerly direction with powerful resources.

On the remainder of the front there is nothing of importance to report.

Our bombers, says the communiqué, have continued to harass the enemy's motorised columns which have suffered heavily.

Numerous reconnaissances were carried out and numerous enemy planes were brought down by our anti-aircraft fire and fighters.

Favourable On Whole  
PARIS, May 18 (Reuters).—The general impression created by to-day's news from the west is described by a French military spokesman as favourable on the whole.

North of the Sambre, the Allies' great strategic movement continues without hindrance of enemy pressure.

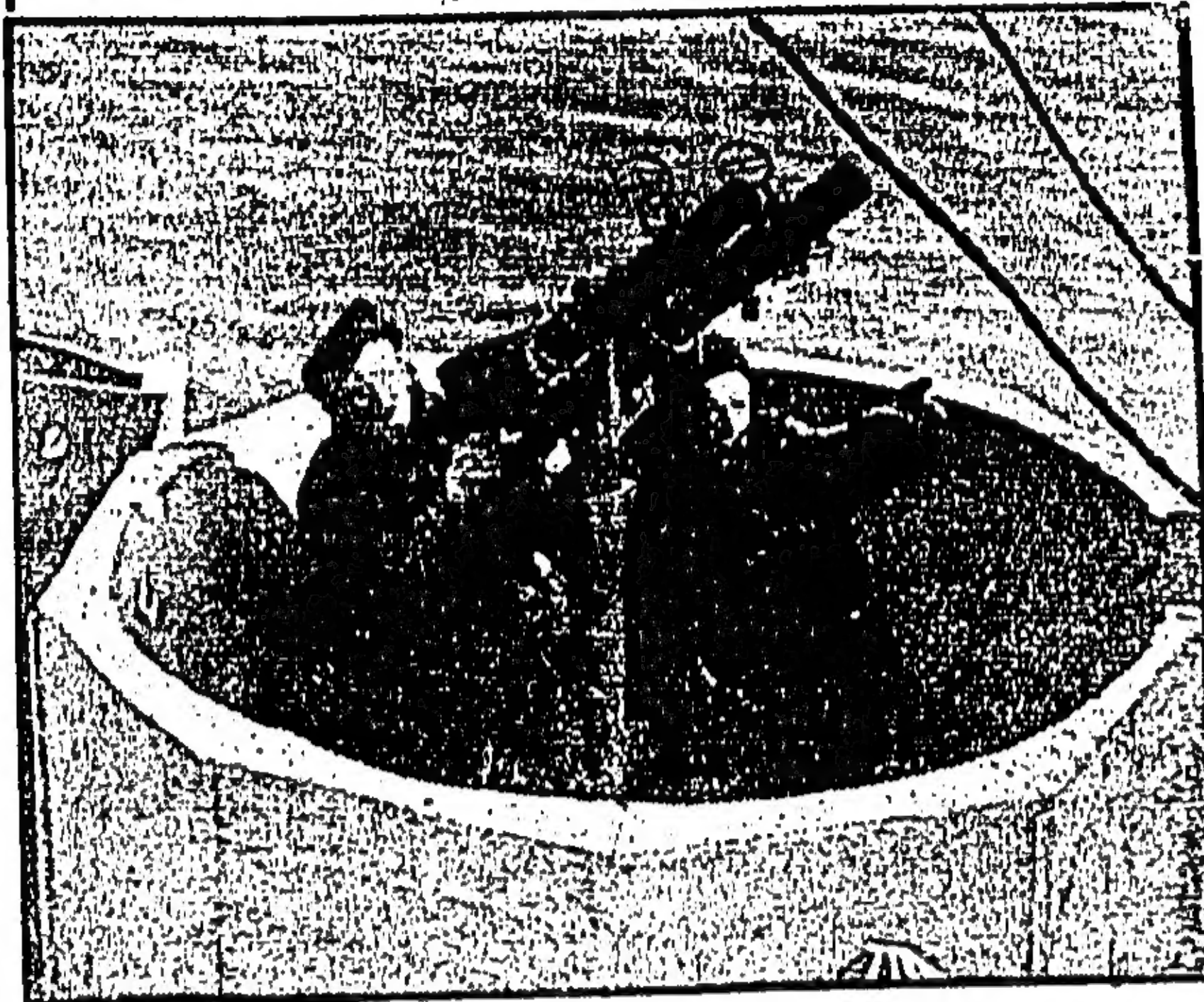
Between the Sambre and the Aisne, the fighting took place round Avance and west of Vervins, but the

PARIS, May 18 (Reuters).—The death is announced of General Guillaumat. He was 70 years of age.

THIS defensive arming of British trawlers against air attack is going ahead daily.

These trawlers, somewhere on the East Coast, are undergoing instructions in handling single and double barrel guns.

An expert is explaining how to assemble a gun, and (below) men "in action" in a turret on a trawler's deck.



## THE WAR IN NORWAY

Germans Claim British  
Repulsed at Narvik

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, May 18 (UP).—The official D.N.B. agency reports from Oslo that Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the German "Navy," has inspected the progress of the work of strengthening the Norwegian coastal and sea defences including the "Trondheim base which is now being developed," from May 15 to 17.

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The Admiral also conferred with Herr Josef Terboven, the Reich Commissar in the occupied areas of Norway; the Commanding Admiral in Norway, Admiral von Boehn and the Commander-in-Chief of the armies in Norway, General von Falkenhorst.

## Battle For Narvik

BERLIN, May 18 (UP).—The following Communiqué has been issued through DNB:

"The enemy landing at Narvik region was attacked.

"One heavy hit was scored on a heavy cruiser.

"One large transport was also hit."

Relentless Encirclement  
PARIS, May 18 (Reuters).—An attempt by the Germans to relieve Narvik by sea from Trondheim has been repulsed.

German transports have been sunk or captured by Allied warships, states a dispatch from the Narvik front.

Refugees arriving at the Swedish frontier say that the superiority of Allied air forces in the Narvik area over the Germans is very marked.

In the course of an air battle, several German machines were brought down.

There is now only one way by which the Germans might escape from Narvik towards the Swedish frontier, and this hole is likely to be blocked by the Allies at any moment.

The town itself is virtually in the hands of the Allies. North of the town the Allies are pursuing the Germans in the direction of the frontier.

Allied pressure on the town grows daily stronger.

Naval units maintain a steady bombardment and aeroplanes fly over the town continuously.

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and German armoured corps have penetrated to as far as the upper Oise. Armoured cars have penetrated to within 50 miles of Paris.

"A whole corps of motorised German troops made an advance through a French forest west of the Meuse. As they advanced German infantry remained in contact, following closely behind the motorised units.

Germans attacks were not of so great a violence as they were yesterday.

It is thought that the Germans may be faced with supply difficulties owing to the energetic action taken by the Allies.

S. AFRICA READY  
TO TAKE BIG  
PART IN FIGHT

—SMUTS

PRETORIA, May 18 (Reuters).—A reception which General Jan Smuts himself described as being "an experience I have never had before" was accorded the Premier at a United Party rally here to-day.

The crowd, consisting of thousands of people from all parts of Transvaal, cheered General Smuts to the echo.

General Smuts said the logical progression of events proved that South Africa's decision to participate in the war was right.

## Neutrality is Dead

"Who would dare to say to-day that Hitler and his Germany are not trying to dominate the world?" he asked, and added: "Neutrality is dead in the world. In half a dozen countries, it has proved a snare and a delusion. I do not care where I fight so long as I fight against Germany."

Referring to the present military situation in Europe, General Smuts said: "Knowing what happened in 1914, I had expected very severe setbacks at the beginning of the war. The aggressor always has a great advantage at the beginning."

## A Word Of Cheer

But, he said, the initial advantage did not last long. "So do not be unduly depressed."

General Smuts stated: "We are preparing now to take our part in the fight. I had a pretty tough job organising our defences, but we are now making progress and I do not doubt that in this struggle South Africa will once more do her duty with honour and maintain her honour unimpaired."

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ten additional divisions for such manoeuvres.

Situation Still Serious  
An official French analysis of the military situation, however, refuses to go beyond the estimate that the situation continues to be serious.

Optimistic German claims to have pierced the Maginot Line, which runs south of the Luxembourg border, have drawn prompt French denials.

The Germans claim to have broken through the line for a distance of 60 miles, but the official French analyst denies that the invaders have pierced even an inch of the line.

The French spokesman correctly points out that the entire operations on the western front are taking place between Sedan and the North Sea, and that the Maginot Line begins at Montmedy, which lies 26 miles east of Sedan.

## No Underground Forts

The chain of fortifications between Montmedy and the North Sea are not part of the real Maginot Line, but are merely a recently completed prolongation of the fortified chain. It contains none of the great underground casemates which comprise the real line.

This extension consists only of blockhouses, tank traps, ditches and minefields. It was this prolongation which was pierced by the German armoured divisions.

The Allied High Command made the decision yesterday to withdraw to lines west of Brussels to suppress a dangerous salient which the Germans had driven into the British front.

The withdrawal took a day and a night and was completed without interference from the enemy.

## Strategic Withdrawal

Admitting that the retreat was for strategic reasons, official Allied analysts insist that there was no German victory because the troops in that sector never came into contact during the whole operation.

The action which may eventually prove to be the decisive phase of the whole battle of the Meuse occurred yesterday, last night and again this morning between the two branches of the Oise River with a few miles of the Belgian frontier—the axis of the German drive east and west between Avesnes and Vervins.

This battle attained frantic violence as the German General Staff threw into operation practically all their available armoured divisions—about half Germany's total motor divisions of which the others are still engaged at Brussels and Antwerp.

Two other divisions were seriously cut up in an earlier action and are believed to have been sent to the rear.

The battle was a see-saw affair until, finally, this morning there was a definite stabilisation in the Allied operations without allowing the Germans the slightest gains.

## Battle Of The Tanks

Meanwhile, the Germans have started a swift drive at Vervins. They made some progress before they were checked last night by the intervention of French tank columns.

Three thousand tanks were engaged in the whole battle.

Rival columns met in the open field which allowed them to score a bitter battle between tanks until the enemy's armour plate had been pierced.

While the tank battle was at its height, the Allied air forces carried out a swift and successful intervention, dumping many tons of

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silent passengers. Even chattering office girls are silent.

Oldsters discuss news or bury their faces in newspapers.

Two cockney girls looking at the headlines exclaimed: "Books bad, don't it?"

Usually wise-cracking tram conductors said: "Looks bad, don't it, mate."

## Hitler's Optimism

ROME, May 18 (Reuters).—According to information received in German circles here, Hitler held a recent conference with high Nazi officials and promised them peace by August 15.

It is stated that this date is being widely spread among the German people.

The economic situation in Germany, it is stated, is growing worse daily and their only hope is a quick and successful end to the war.

NO ARMS ALONG  
YUNNAN RLY.

PARIS, May 18 (Reuters).—With reference to a report issued by a Japanese news agency on May 15 alleging that the transit of arms to China from French territory has been resumed in increasing volume, it has been authoritatively stated here that with November 1937 the French Government decided to ban all transit of arms by the Yunnan Railway. Since then there has been none.

LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—It was announced to-night that Mr. Winston Churchill will lead the House of Commons as far as his duties permit. In view of the pressure of events he has asked the Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee to act as Deputy Leader.

LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—Cheering lustily and singing popular songs, the Sixth Continent of volunteers from Newfoundland for the British Navy arrived at a west coast port to-day.

bombs on the German armoured tanks.—United Press.

Children Leaving  
LONDON, May 18 (Reuters).—Sixteen special trains will transport 10,000 children from the south-east and east coast towns to new reconcentration camps in Wales on Monday.

It is hoped to complete the shift in one day.

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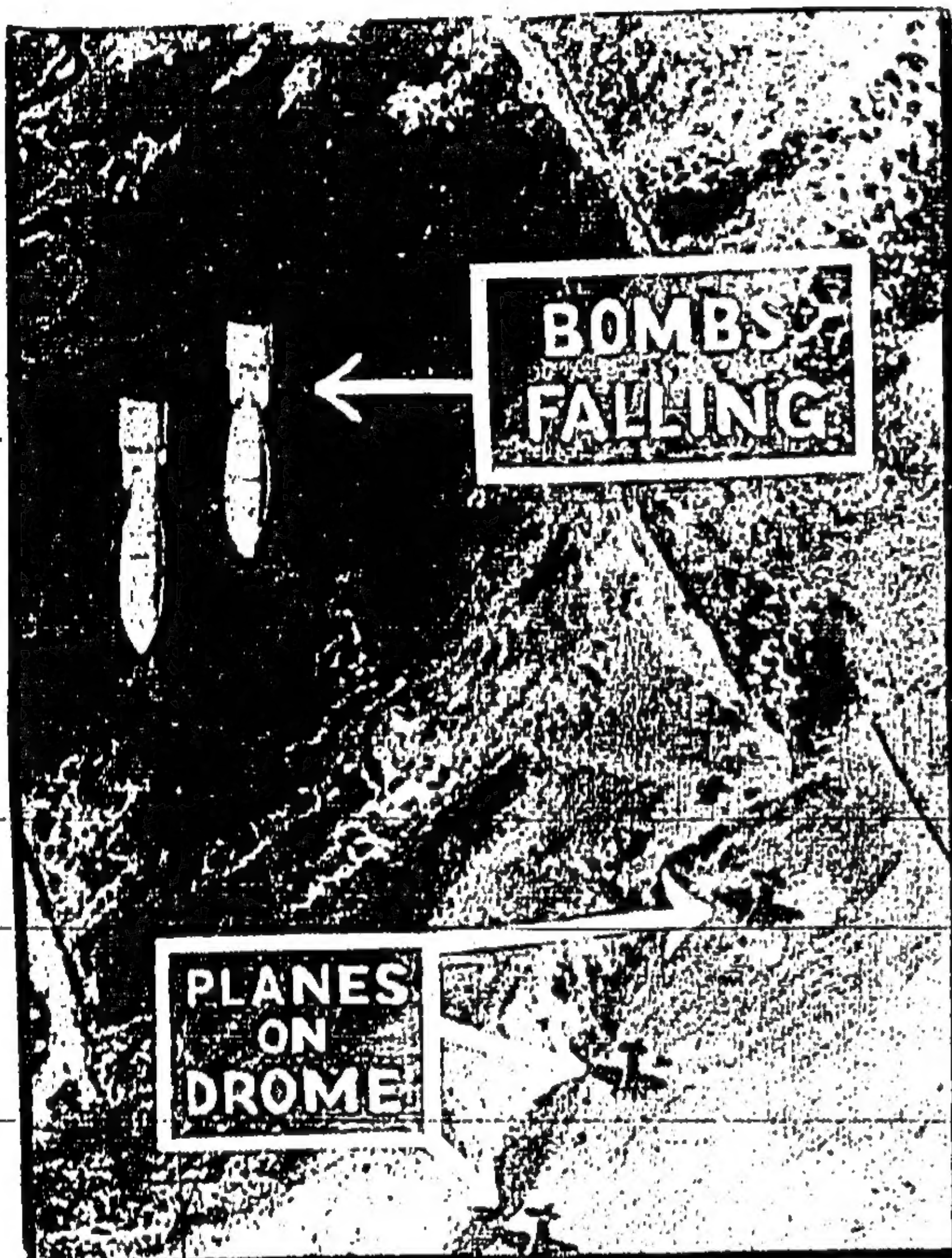
A GERMAN PRISONER OF WAR.—Captain Otto Scharf, captured while in command of the German transport Alster off Narvik.



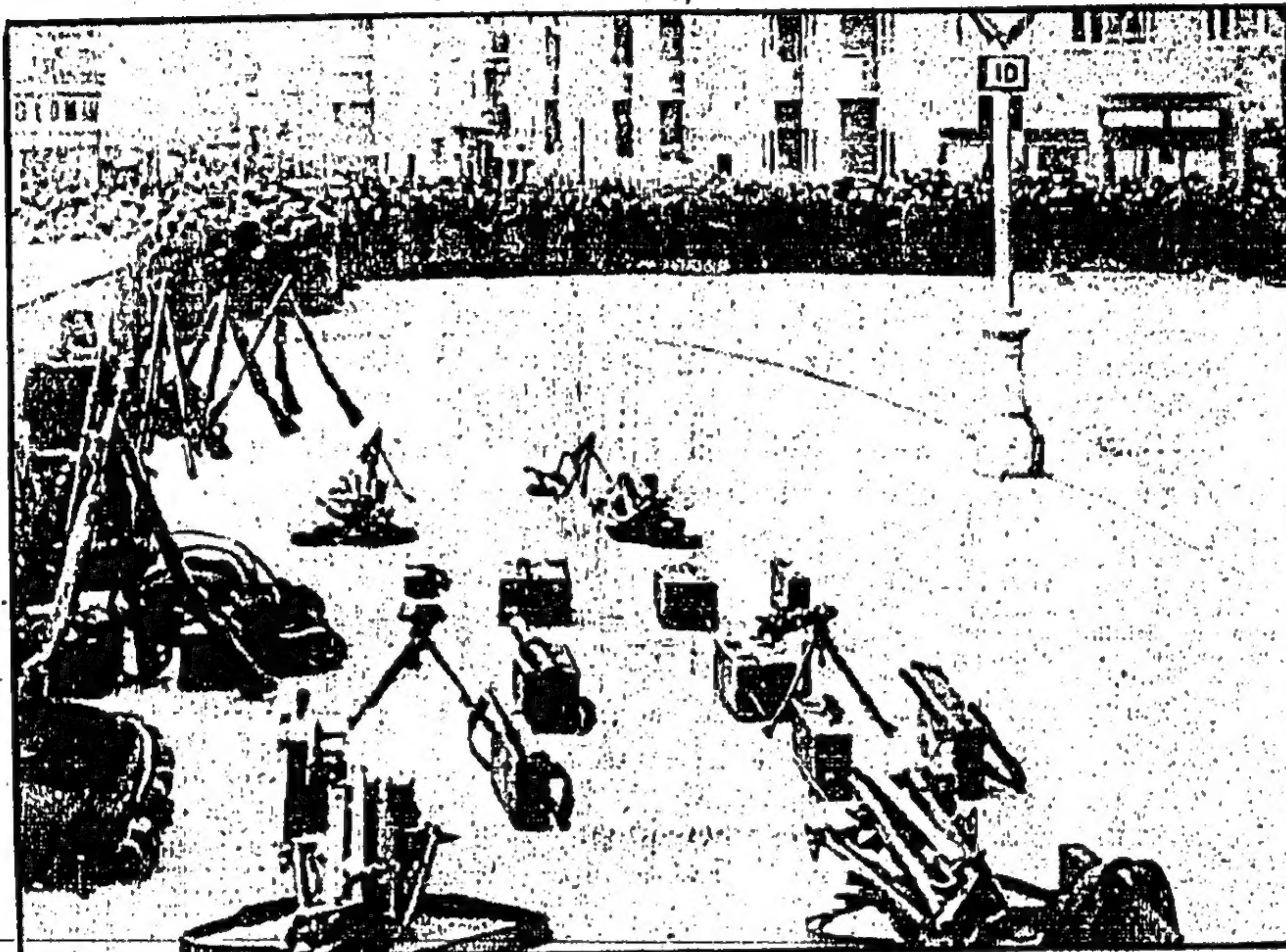
THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF DENMARK.—A German officer in consultation with Danish officers.



NAVAL ACTION OFF NARVIK.—Chief Petty Officer Cock on arrival in England with other survivors of the destroyer Hardy.



ROYAL AIR FORCE IN NORWAY.—Pictures taken during a bombing raid on Stavanger Aerodrome showing bombs falling, and three enemy aircraft.



THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF DENMARK.—Arms parked in the city square in Copenhagen.



THE GERMAN OCCUPATION OF DENMARK.—German troops pushing a horse-drawn ambulance wagon.



A.T.S. Choir Girls  
FORTY-SIX A.T.S. girls and the same number of Kneller students have been formed into a cathedral choral society at Aldershot by Major Adkins. Here are some at an outdoor rehearsal.



THE GERMAN INVASION OF NORWAY.—A German soldier searching a captured Norwegian.

**"It's a good thing"**

she said "you're not like my brother.

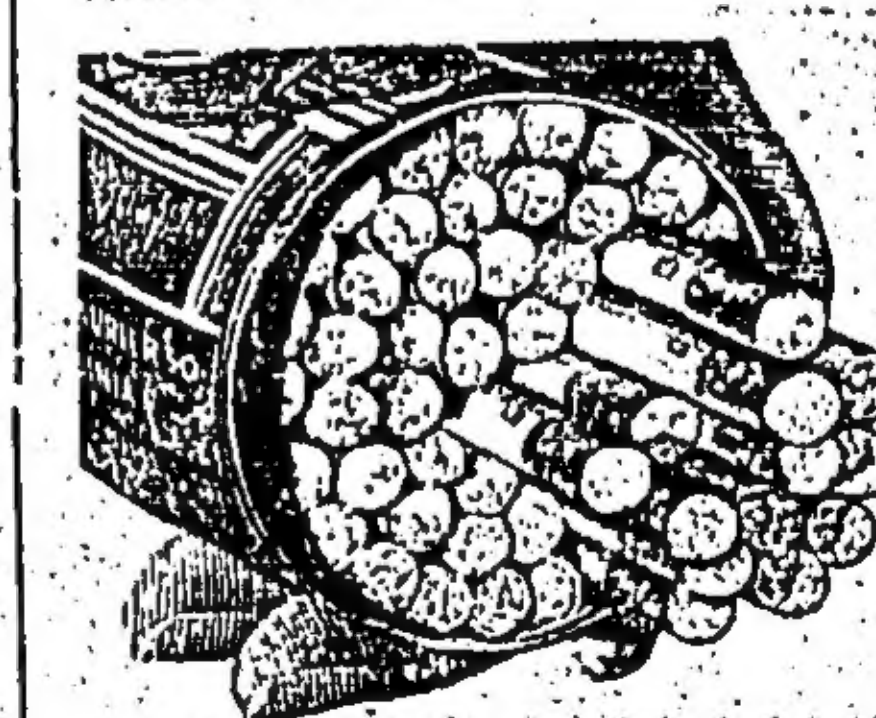
He never makes friends with people."

HE SAID

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SHE SAID

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## REFUGEES FROM BELGIUM FLEE TOWARDS WEST

PARIS, May 18 (UP).—Belgian refugees escaping from the German blitzkrieg provided a new thrill as they arrived in Paris to-day.

Several cars moved down the Rue Lafayette completely covered with green branches and their radiators hidden by green grass.

"United Press" correspondents talked with the refugees in one car driven by a woman, two children being among the passengers.

The woman driver explained: "It is the best camouflage to use on the small side roads which are safest to take since the main roads are being continually bombed and strafed in the north."

"We have been three days coming from the border."

"Each time we saw or heard a plane we drew the car into the nearest green shrubbery and waited there, hoping we looked like the rest of the bushes."

"Sometimes the planes came so quickly that we never moved at all because the Germans will often return and use their machine guns if they sight a car."

"Yesterday we put fresh leaves on the car, but it is not needed in the Paris region."

"We crossed several main roads near the frontier, where we saw cars riddled and burned and the occupants killed."

One of the passengers in a car was an old peasant woman who had been picked up near St. Quenon.

She had been walking day and night to join her married daughter in Brittany.

## GOEBBELS LOSES SUEZ SHARES

PARIS, May 18 (Reuter).—The Seine Police authorities have issued an order sequestrating all money due on a hundred shares in the Suez Canal Company which are owned by Dr. Goebbels.

Up to the present, Dr. Goebbels has obtained interest on the shares through the Luxembourg Bank.

The shares are valued approximately at £7,000.

BERLIN, May 18 (UP).—The German High Command declares that the Germans have mined South African ports.

# GREAT BATTLE IN BELGIUM NEARING CLIMAX: FRONT NOW 300 MILES LONG

## NAZIS CLAIM SWASTIKA FLYING OVER ANTWERP

LONDON, May 18 (REUTER).—A GERMAN HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT THE GERMAN WAR FLAG IS NOW FLYING ON THE TOWN HALL IN ANTWERP.

FORTS BREACHED

BERLIN, May 18, (UP).—The German High Command declares German troops have broken the Antwerp fortifications and entered into the city.

"By swift attack German troops broke through the fortifications of Antwerp," announces the High Command.

"The German troops have penetrated into the inner city. The German war flag now flies over the city hall of Antwerp."

48 HOURS MAY DECIDE

BERLIN, May 18 (UP).—The battle of Belgium is swiftly approaching its climax. Well-informed quarters in Berlin estimate the outcome will be apparent in 72 or possibly 48 hours.

After the collapse of the Dyle line and the resultant occupation of Louvain and Brussels, together with the breach of the Maginot Line in the south, the German High Command is exerting incessant pressure on the entire front of almost 300 miles long.

With minimum rest, wave after wave of tanks and infantry are being thrown against the Allies in an effort to keep the phenomenal advance moving, hoping to turn the Allied retreat into a rout.

Neutral observers expect the next thrust in the north will be northwestward from Malines and Brussels over the Schelde.

Liege and Namur Forts

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".—LONDON, May 18 (UP).—The Belgian fortresses at Liege and Namur are fighting on small islands of resistance in the German occupied regions.

The Belgian radio, which has been silent since Friday midnight, reopened on the Lille wavelength and repeated the King's message to Namur.

It said the Liege and Namur fortresses were still holding out 8 days now, compared with only one week during the world war.

The communique said: "Belgian troops valiantly repulsed strong attacks and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The operations are developing normally."

Encirclement Hopes

It is believed the Germans will now seek to encircle the British and Belgian forces between the main German armies and the sea, and at the same time seek to separate them from the main French forces.

Attacks Held

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—A Belgian communique, issued to-day from somewhere in Belgium, states that the operations mentioned in a previous communique are proceeding normally.

Belgian troops have held up attempted attacks by the enemy at many points on the front.

In the Antwerp province especially they repulsed the German attacks and inflicted heavy losses on the attackers.

The morale of the Belgian Army remains good and the soldiers show no sign of being discouraged.

They expressed themselves in courageous terms when they were interviewed.

The patriotic feeling of the population remains high. The civilians are showing stoical courage despite the air raids.

2,000 Prisoners

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—It was learned in authoritative quarters here this afternoon that the beleaguered fortresses at Liege and Namur are still intact.

A communique from Berlin claims that over 2,000 Dutch and French troops are imprisoned on the islands of Schouwen and South Beveland.

The communique also states that at two places the Germans have penetrated the outside belt of the fortress of Antwerp.

To the south of Maubeuge, continues the communique, a German Armoured Corps has pierced French frontier fortifications and two enemy divisions were destroyed. The Germans pursued the retreating enemy, crossing the Upper Sambre River, further to the south, and pushing down to the Upper-Oise River.

## Changes In War Cabinet

### Petain Recalled As Vice-Premier

PARIS, May 18 (Reuter).—Changes in the French War Cabinet were announced in Paris this afternoon.

Marshal Petain, who was Commander-in-Chief during part of the Great War and until to-day was Ambassador to Spain, becomes Vice-Premier.

Mr. Edouard Daladier, at present War Minister, becomes Foreign Minister, a post previously occupied by the Premier, M. Reynaud.

M. Reynaud takes over the War Office concurrently with the post of Premier.

M. Georges Mandel, Minister of Colonies, is appointed Minister of Interior.

M. Louis Rollin, Minister of Trade and Industry, replaces M. Mandel at the Colonial Ministry.

M. Leon J. Baret, is appointed Minister of Commerce.

Marshal Petain, who will be a Minister without Portfolio as Vice-Premier, is 84. He is one of the outstanding figures in French public life.

84-Year-Old G.O.M.

PARIS, May 18 (Reuter).—The reshuffle of the French Cabinet marks a further strengthening of the Government.

The most dramatic change is the inclusion of "Grand Old Man" Marshal Petain, who is remarkably active despite his 84 years.

M. Reynaud at the War Ministry will have the benefit of his help and sage advice on vital matters.

On the whole the new changes foreshadow the implementation of new revolutionary measures forecast by M. Reynaud on Thursday.

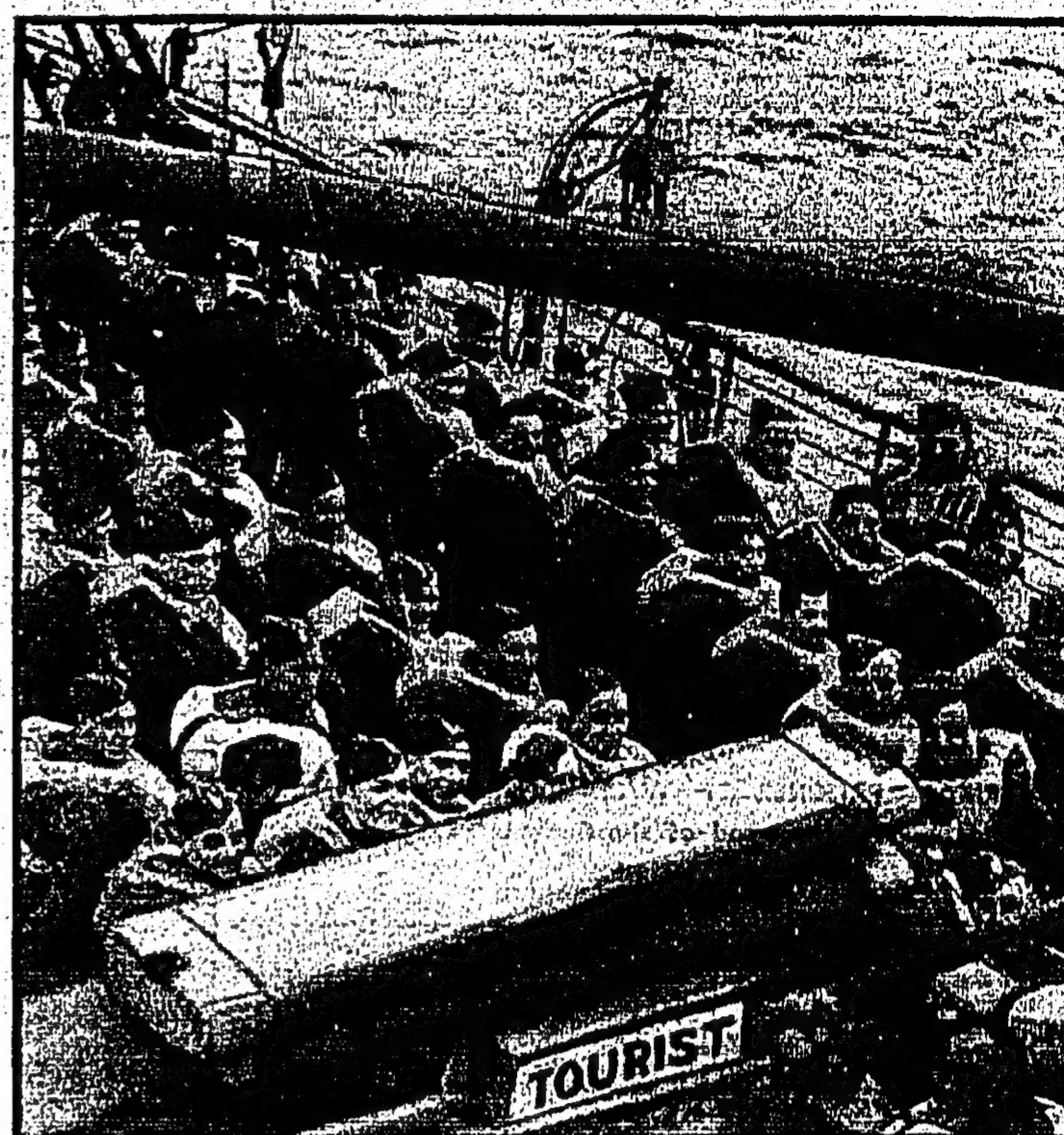
## Prince Bernhard In Paris

PARIS, May 18 (Reuter).—Prince Bernhard, husband of Princess Juliana, is now in Paris.

## Hospital Ship Takes Them Back To Blighty

LONDON, May 18, (Reuter).—A wounded member of the British Expeditionary Force arrived last night on a hospital boat and was taken to Birmingham.

## BRITISH TROOPS FOR NORWAY



BRITISH EXPEDITION TO NORWAY.—Troops who travelled over to Norway on a liner.

## HOW THEY ADVANCED IN 1914

City	Occupied by Germans
Liege	4th day
Liege Forts	7th day
Louvain	15th day
Malines	16th day
Brussels	16th day
Sambre River crossed	17th day
Dinant	18th day
Namur	19th day
Baccarat	20th day
Charleville	21st day
Cambray	22nd day
St. Quentin	23rd day
Rethel	24th day
Compiègne	27th day
Oise crossing	27th day
Antwerp outer forts	28th day
Chalons	30th day
Antwerp	35th day
Ghent	38th day
Bruges	42nd day
Ostend	43rd day

## Cup Soccer

### Third Round Results

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the third round of the Cup	
Fulham 2	Nottingham Forest 0
Everton 1	Stoke 0
Huddersfield 3	West Ham 3
Coventry 0	West Bromwich 1
Barnsley 0	Blackpool 1
Armagh 1	Birmingham 2
Blackburn 3	Sunderland 2
Newcastle 1	Bristol R. 0

After extra time.

### Fourth Round Draw

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—The following is the draw for the fourth round, which will be played on May 25:

Fulham	v. Everton
Blackburn	v. West Bromwich
Blackpool	v. Newcastle
Huddersfield	v. Birmingham
or West Ham	

## Light Blues Beat Rivals

LONDON, May 18 (Reuter).—Cambridge University scored two successes over Oxford University to-day, winning the inter-varsity athletics as well as lawn tennis.

The Light Blues won by 67 points to 40 at athletics. They won nine events to Oxford's four.

In the tennis contest, Cambridge won by 11 matches to four. The match was played at Cambridge.

The Light Blues won five singles and lost one, and won six doubles to Oxford's three.

PARIS, May 18 (Reuter).—It is announced that all factories working for the Air Force will work for 12 hours daily, including Sundays, until further orders.

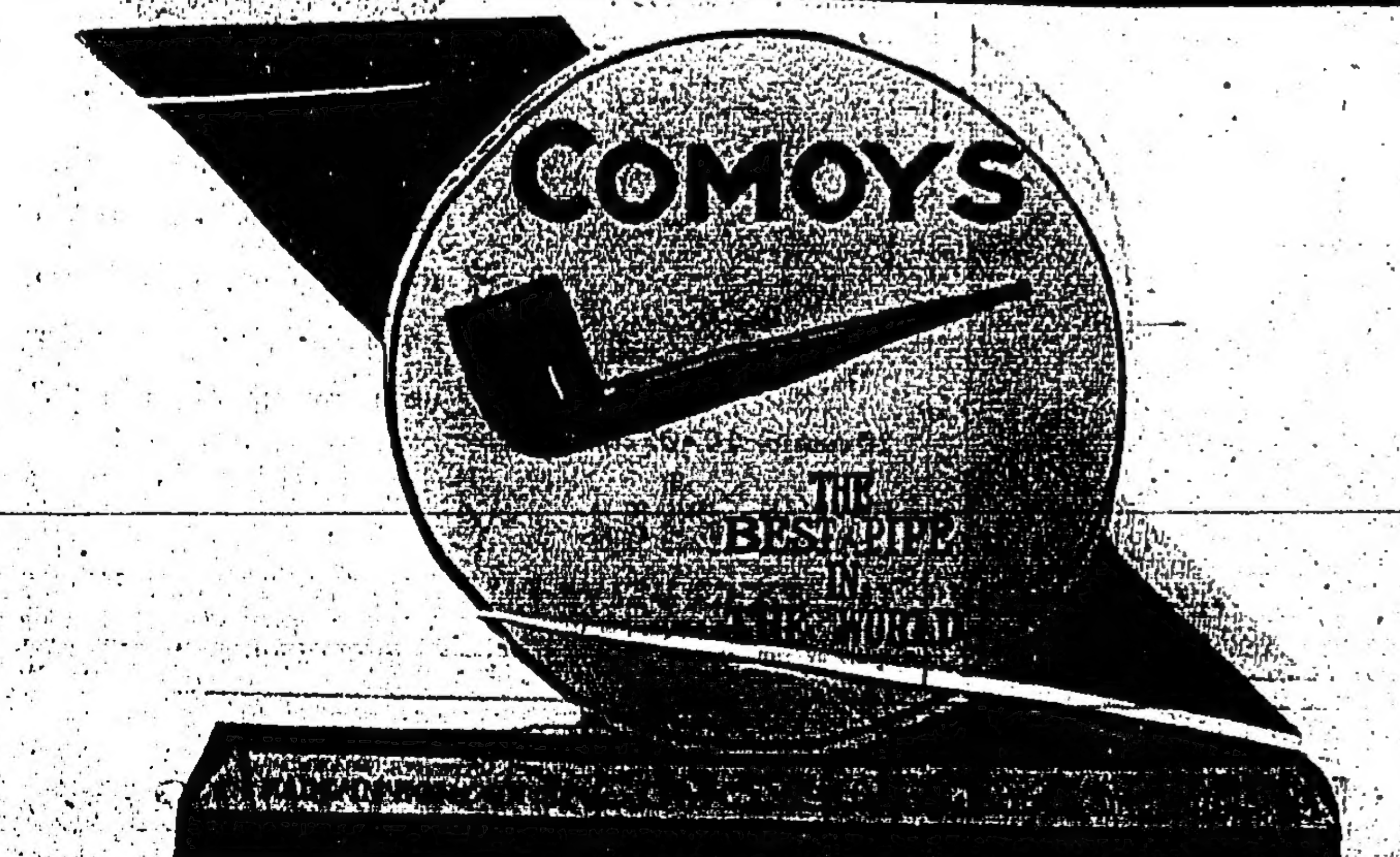
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